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SUBJ: CIVAIR-VISIT OF FAA ADMINISTRATOR JOHN L. MCLUCAS

TO TEHRAN

REF: (A) TEHRAN 11868, (B) KUWAIT 5496

1. FAA ADMINISTRATOR MCLUCAS AND PARTY OF FIVE LEFT TEHRAN DECEMBER 5 AFTER SUCCESSFUL DAY AND A HALF VISIT WITH DGCA AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS. VISIT WAS APPARENTLY THE CATALYST IN PROMOTING DECISION TO FOLLOW UP ON LONG-PENDING FAA STUDY ON INTEGRATED ATC PROGRAM FOR IRAN. NEW DGCA MHDH HADJMONIRI AND VICE MINISTER OF WAR TOUFANIAN ASKED FOR TDY TEAM OF 3-5 FAA SPECIALISTS TO ARRIVE TEHRAN EARLY JANUARY 1977 TO UPDATE FAA STUDY AND REWRITE TO INCLUDE A PHASED PROGRAM OF IMPLEMENTATION WHICH WILL START WITH NMAUAL ATC AND ULTIMATELY INTERFACE WITH SEEK SWITCH AND SEEK SENTRY PROGRAMS. THEY WOULD LIKE FAA TO FOLLOW THIS UP WITH DISPATCH OF 14-MAN CAAG TEAM TO IRAN IN APRIL 1977. CAO HAS ALSO ASKED FAA ADVICE ON OUTFITTING ITS FLIGHT STANDARDS AIRCRAFT. DR. MCLUCAS INVITED HADJMONIRI TO VISIT US TO STUDY FAA ATC FACILITIES, BUT NOR FIRM DATE FIXED.

2. DR. MCLUCAS AND PARTY WARMLY RECEIVED BY CAO OFFICIALS DURING OFFICIAL CALLS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. NEW DGCA

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OBVIOUSLY VALUES US GUIDANCE AND HELP IN AVIATION MATTERS

AND LOOKING TO FAA AS PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE.

3. FYI-SOME BACKGROUND ON THE DISMISSAL OF FORMER DGCA ARBABI EMERGED DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. APPARENTLY THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT--SPECIFICALLY THE CONTRACTS OFFICE--IS BEING INVESTIGATED FOR FINANCIAL MISDEEDS. FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CAO FOR ADMINISTRATION MAHDAVI AND SIX OR SEVEN OF HIS STAFF ARE IN JAIL. THUS FAR THERE IS NO APPARENT DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF FORMER DGCA ARBABI, BUT HE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION.
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